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SUBJECT: ROC TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FANG HSIEN-CH'I INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS DGT PORTION OF NEW 6-YEAR PLAN PROVIDES FOR UNDERSEA CABLE; HOWEVER, DESTINATION NOT YET SELECTED. DGT CONSIDERING MANILA, OKINAWA AND GUAM AS POSSIBLE TERMINAL POINTS. PROS AND CONS OF THE THREE BEING STUDIED. PREFERENCE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS WOULD BE GUAM WHERE THERE PROBABLY WOULD BE FEWER PROBLEMS IN FUTURE ON LANDING RIGHTS, ETC. HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVES NOT YET FULLY ANALYZED FROM ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. THIS STUDY IS IN PROGRESS.

2. FANG IMPLIED REASON FOR CONSIDERING UNDERSEA CABLE RELATED TO POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN INTELSAT FOR ROC AND FEELING ROC SHOULD BE PREPARED WITH ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS UNCOMPLICATED BY INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL FACTORS. FANG PROVIDED COPY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PORTION OF PROPOSED 6-YEAR PLAN IN CHINESE. FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AFTER TRANSLATION WILL BE FORWARDED. POPPLE

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